

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1-22 and 24-45 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Examiner Objections – Specification

The specification was objected to because of several informalities. In response, the Applicant has modified the specification as suggested by the Examiner. The Examiner's consideration of the amendments to the specification is respectfully requested.

Examiner Objections - Claims

Claim 1 was objected to because of informalities. Again, the Applicant appreciates the Examiner's thorough review of the claims. The Applicant has amended the claims as suggested by the Examiner in order to correct the informalities. The Examiner's consideration of the amended claims is respectfully requested.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 101

Claims 1-22 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 as being directed to method steps which can be practiced mentally in conjunction with pen and paper. The Applicant has amended claim 1 to overcome this rejection, as suggested by the Examiner. The Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 and the respective depending claims are now allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicant gratefully acknowledges the allowance of claim 24 and the respective depending claims.

Prior Art Not Relied Upon

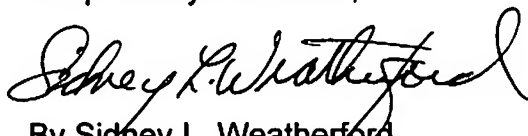
In paragraph 7 on page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner stated that the prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the Applicant's disclosure.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sidney L. Weatherford", written in a cursive style.

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